

**POWER OF ATTORNEY (PCT Rule 90.4) and
DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP (PCT Rules 4.17 (iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))**

I. POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned applicant hereby appoints, individually and collectively,

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as agent to represent the undersigned before all the competent International Authorities in connection with the international application identified below:

Title of the Invention: Tiacumicin Production

Agent's file reference: 8024-004-WO ← 8024-005-WO

International application no.: PCT/US03/21977

Date filed: 15 July 2003

II. DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought. This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application). This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/US03/21977.

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country

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other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:

U.S. Provisional Application SN: 60/399,956


I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

This document (Power of Attorney and Declaration of Inventorship) may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all or which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

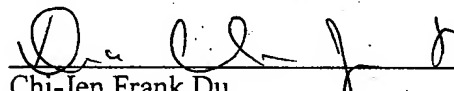
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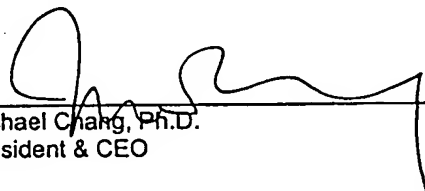
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